MICHAEL J. McQUEARY

: IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

OF CENTRE COUNTY

VS.

: NO. 2012-1804

THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY

: CIVIL ACTION

<u>ORDER</u>

AND NOW, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of October, 2016, the following Order is entered:

The terms of this order apply to jury selection scheduled to begin at 8:30 a.m. October 10, 2016, and to the trial which will begin on October 17, 2016.

The provisions noted as "Mandatory" shall be applied by the Court and efforced by its officers and agents. The provisions noted as "Information" are intended to provide meaningful structure and guidelines to those who will be attending the proceedings.

Additional information will be made available on the Court's website: www.centrecountypa.gov.

## **MANDATORY**

 Court Access: All summoned jurors, members of the public and credentialed reporters must enter the courthouse from the front steps. Access from other courthouse entrances will not be permitted.

## 2. <u>Summoned Jurors</u>:

- a. All summoned jurors may begin reporting to the courthouse at 7:30 a.m. and must be present by 8:00 a.m. on October 10, 2016.
- b. While the use of electronic devices during trial is prohibited,

summoned jurors may bring such electronic devices with them for their use while awaiting their participation in the jury selection process.

- 3. <u>Courtrooms</u>: Jury selection will be conducted in Courtroom #1, of the main Courthouse. The trial will be conducted in the Courthouse Annex in the first-floor Courtroom.
- 4. Policies regarding the working press:
  - a. There will be no formal credentialing process.
  - b. Working press will be admitted to the Courtroom beginning at 8:30 a.m. on a first come, first served basis.
  - c. The Sheriff will assume that any reporter with current credentials issued by his or her news organization is, for purposes of this proceeding, "working press."
  - d. Working press may not possess computers or other electronic note taking devices, including cell phones in the Courtroom.
  - e. A sketch artist(s) will be permitted if requested.
  - f. There will be no auxiliary Courtroom provided for the working press.
- 5. Policies regarding the general public:
  - a. The general public will be admitted to the Courtroom beginning at 8:30 a.m.
  - b. No member of the general public is permitted to bring into the Courtroom cell phones, computers, electronic recording devices or similar equipment.
- Counsel and designated staff may have their computers in the Courtroom during all
  proceedings. Counsel shall advise the Sheriff as to the persons who will have computers
  in the Courtroom.
- 7. Seating to be on a first come basis for all proceedings.
- 8. <u>Leaving the Courtrooms</u>: Those seated in the courtrooms are expected to remain in their seats until the Court either calls a recess or the session has ended. Any person who leaves the courtrooms, except during a recess, in the morning session will not be readmitted until the start of the afternoon session; and any person who leaves in the afternoon session, except during a recess, will

not be readmitted. Those who leave an area deemed secured by the Sheriff may be required to undergo a security screening before being readmitted to the courtroom.

- 9. <u>Interviews</u>: No news media interviews whatsoever shall be conducted in the Courtroom, Courthouse or Courthouse Annex – including corridors, hallways, elevators, interior and exterior steps, or Courthouse parking lots. Interviews may be conducted at the podium designated for that purpose by the Sheriff.
- 10. Sheriff's Authority: The Sheriff of Centre County, in consultation with the Court, shall have the authority to make such reasonable rules and regulations as may be required to implement this Order and to provide adequate security intended to assure the safety of all those in the Courthouse and Courthouse Annex, and on the Courthouse grounds, and to assure the orderly conduct of the trial. Such regulations may include, among others:
  - a. Prohibiting backpacks, large purses or satchels in the Courtrooms.
  - b. Prohibiting taking food or beverages into the courtrooms.
  - c. Barring any person, except those immediately involved in the trial, from passing beyond the bar in the Courtroom.

BY THE COURT:

Thomas G. Gavin
SJ